

**Joint Special Meeting of the Dodge County Finance Committee
and The Dodge County Board of Supervisors**
Minutes of the October 28, 2014

Dodge County Finance Committee Chairman, Dave Frohling called the Joint Special meeting of the Dodge County Finance Committee and the Dodge County Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 in the auditorium of the Administration Building. Chairman Frohling took roll and the following members were present: Frohling, Adelmeyer, Schaefer, Gohr and Uttke.

Also present: Chairman Russ Kottke, Supervisors: Janice Bobholz, Larry Schraufnagel, Glenn Stousland, Clem Hoelzel, Thomas Nickel, Larry Bischoff, Jeff Duchac, Allen Behl, Bill Muche, Roger Mattson, John Fabisch, James Houchin, Mark Roesch, Jeff Berres, Joe Marsik, Donna Maly, Rich Greshay, Lisa Derr, MaryAnn Miller, Dennis Schmidt, Administrator, Jim Mielke, Department Heads: Julie Kolp, Jeff Hoffman, Marc Bethke, John Veling, Ruth Otto, Joe Rains, Pat Ninmann, Jane Hooper, Janet Wimmer, Joyce Fiacco, Amy Nehls, Kurt Klomberg, John Storck, Brian Field, Karen Gibson, Russ Freber, and Lynn Hron. Also present were Scott Smith, Tony Marchese, Joe Meagher, Lifke, Rebecca Glewen, Andrew Johnson, Armin Reichow, John Muir, and Paul Marose.

Julie Kolp, Finance Director certified the public notice given for this meeting complies with the requirement of Wisconsin's open meetings law.

Chairman Frohling opened the meeting reading a statement regarding the purpose of the Budget Review meeting. The meeting's intent is to review the 2015 proposed budget and hear budget amendment proposal(s) from any county committee or individual county board member. In conclusion, the Finance Committee will adopt a report to the County Board on recommendation(s) to adopt the proposed budget or to amend the proposed budget at the November Board Session.

Jim Mielke, Administrator proceeded with a video "*Why Do Counties Matter?*" Mielke continued by thanking Department Heads, Julie Kolp, the Finance Department, John Veling and Karen Boyd for their help throughout the budget process and preparation of the Power Point presentation.

Mielke presented the 2015 Proposed County Budget. Highlights of Mielke's presentation included:

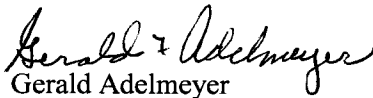
- 2015 Proposed Expenditures are \$106,674,498 of which less than \$103 million are operational. Expenditures are proposed to be \$5.3 million higher than the 2014 Adopted Budget.
 - General Fund's \$1 million increase is attributed to Wages and Benefits and Physical Facilities and Information Technology projects.
 - Human Services and Health's \$602,000 increase is attributed to Wages and Benefits, which includes 2 new counselor positions and a new Physician position.
 - Clearview's \$813,000 increase is attributed to Wages and Benefits and the full year operations of the Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF). Mielke pointed out that even though total expenditures are \$24 million, there's no tax levy allocated for operations.
 - Highway's \$3 million increase is attributed to additional road projects that will be partially funded with carry over funds from 2014.
- 2015's Proposed Levy is \$32,726,321; up \$650,000 from 2014. Proposed Tax Levy of 5.68/\$1,000 Assessed Valuation dropped \$0.02 due to increased property values in Dodge County.
- 2015 Department revenue and expenditures were compared to 2014. Amy Nehls, Emergency Management Director and Brian Field, Highway Commissioner provided additional information regarding their department needs and levy request.
- New Business Units (BU) for 2015 include 803 – Vehicle Deductible, 7851 – Glacial River Trail, and 7852 – Gold Star Trail. The Youth Fair Building moved from BU 6819 (UW Extension Department) to BU 1904 (Physical Facilities Department). BU 2063 – Treatment Alternatives and Diversion is anticipated to move from the Sheriff's Department to Human Services and Health either prior to or during 2015.
- Current outstanding debt is approximately 14% of statutory limit.

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- October's County Sales Tax Remittances total is just under \$5 million. This is almost \$700,000 over the 2014 budgeted amount with 2 more months to go.
- Finance committee approved up to \$750,000 of General Fund Balance to be applied to 2015's budget. 2015's Proposed Budget includes \$659,386 of General Fund Balance. This is \$250,000 less than 2014.
- The presentation concluded with "Where Do Your County Property Tax Dollars Go?" Based on the proposed budget, the property tax on a \$150,000 home would be \$851.55. This is a \$3.75 decrease from 2014.

Motion by Schaefer and 2nd by Uttke to recommend Report to Resolution# 14- 41 to favor the 2015 Proposed County Budget as prepared and presented with a net county tax levy amount of \$32,726,321 and a resulting county tax rate of \$5.677/\$1,000 of Assessed Valuation. Motion Carried 4-1. Gohr opposed.

With no other business on the agenda, motion by Uttke and 2nd by Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


Gerald Adelmeyer
Secretary